COMMODORE'S CBM 8250
PROVIDES 2.1 MEGABYTES
OF STORAGE CAPACITY

VALLEY FORGE, PA   (November 29, 1982) -- Commodore Business Machines, Inc. today announced first delivery of its new CBM 8250 dual floppy disk drive, which is capable of storing over 2 megabytes of information on two 5 1/4-inch floppy diskettes.

The new storage device was shown at the Computer Dealer Exposition (COMDEX) November 29 in Las Vegas.

Leon Harris, president of Commodore's personal computing sales division, said Commodore started shipping the new drive in limited quantities the last week in November.

"Sometimes it's hard to measure the importance of a new product like the 8250," Harris said.  "The bottom line is that this product lets the user store up to 500 pages of written text on a single 5 1/4-inch floppy diskette, and to use two diskettes -- or a thousand pages of information -- at the same time."

"Another way of looking at it is this...some people are still paying over $10,000 for storage capacity which Commodore is bringing to the market for less than a third that amount.  If this sounds like we're licking at the heels of the minicomputer market, that's right."

He explained that the CBM 8250 achieves its high storage capacity by using both sides of the diskette to record data.  Like all Commodore disk drives, the CBM 8250 is "intelligent," which means the operating system doesn't eat into the computer's RAM memory (the 8250's "intelligence" is provided by 16K of ROM and 4K of RAM).

The drive can be used with all Commodore computers which have an IEEE-488 bus connector, and is read-write compatible with Commodore's CBM 8050 1 megabyte disk drive.  This means software written for the 8050 can be used on the 8250 without modification.

The CBM 8250 has two 77-track, two headed drives with formatted capacities of 1.05 megabytes per drive.

Suggested retail price of the CBM 8250 is $2,195.

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COMMODORE CBM 8250
2.1 MEGABYTE DUAL FLOPPY
DISK DRIVE (uses 5 1/4"
floppy diskettes)

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